

Appln. No. 10/747,837  
Response dated 01/03/2006  
Reply to Office Action  
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**Remarks/Arguments:**

Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I, claims 1-7 without traverse. Applicant by the instant amendment has cancelled claims 8 and 9 without prejudice and reserves the right to file a divisional application on the subject matter of claims 8 and 9.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

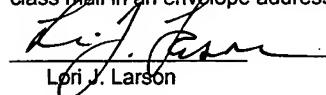
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